

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER GEORGE STACKER,) **No. 20 PB 2970**
STAR No. 11034, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)
) **(CR No. 1057381)**
)
RESPONDENT.)

ORDER

On February 25, 2020, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer George Stacker, Star No. 11034 (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent”), recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating several Rules of Conduct (a copy of the charges is attached as Exhibit A).

On December 10, 2020, the Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges against the Respondent because the Respondent resigned his position with the Chicago Police Department. The Police Board has considered the Superintendent’s motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Superintendent’s motion is **granted**, and the proceedings before the Police Board are terminated.

This Order is adopted and entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board: Ghian Foreman, Paula Wolff, Matthew C. Crowl, Michael Eaddy, Steve Flores, Jorge Montes, John P. O’Malley Jr., Rhoda D. Sweeney, and Andrea L. Zopp.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

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Attested by:

/s/ GHIAN FOREMAN
President

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director

Exhibit A

Charges

Attached are the charges filed with the Police Board by the Superintendent of Police. The public is reminded that the filing of charges is not evidence of guilt. The accused officer is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair hearing at which the Superintendent has the burden of proving guilt by a preponderance of the evidence. In this case, the accused officer resigned from the Chicago Police Department prior to a hearing on the charges.

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER GEORGE STACKER

Police Officer George Stacker, Star Number 11034, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the date of the alleged violations:

- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- Rule 4: Any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence.
- Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.
- Rule 22: Failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about September 27, 2012, at or near 2800 East 76th Street, Officer George Stacker knowingly detained without legal authority and/or falsely arrested Paul Neal, in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and 720 ILCS 5/10-3 (unlawful restraint). Officer Stacker thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 1, which prohibits a violation of any law or ordinance;
 - b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department; and
 - c. Rule 8, which prohibits the disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

2. On or about September 27, 2012, at or near 2800 East 76th Street, Officer George Stacker knowingly detained without legal authority James Gray, in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and 720 ILCS 5/10-3 (unlawful restraint). Officer Stacker thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 1, which prohibits a violation of any law or ordinance;
 - b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department; and
 - c. Rule 8, which prohibits the disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
3. On or about September 27, 2012, at or near 2800 East 76th Street, Officer George Stacker knowingly detained without legal authority Cameron Barnes, in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and 720 ILCS 5/10-3 (unlawful restraint). Officer Stacker thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 1, which prohibits a violation of any law or ordinance;
 - b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department; and
 - c. Rule 8, which prohibits the disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
3. On or about September 28, 2012, at or near 2800 East 76th Street, Officer George Stacker attempted to obtain and/or view September 27, 2012 video footage from the Omar and Salma Retail Store for personal reasons and without a valid police purpose. Officer Stacker thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department; and
 - b. Rule 4, which prohibits any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence.
4. On or about September 28, 2012, at or near 2800 East 76th Street, Officer George Stacker observed and/or had knowledge of misconduct by Police Officer Aldo Brown, to wit, Officer Brown's attempts to obtain and/or view September 27, 2012 video footage from the Omar and Salma Retail Store for personal reasons and without a valid police purpose,

for which Officer Stacker failed to report to the Department. Officer Stacker thereby violated:

- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and
 - c. Rule 22, which prohibits the failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.
5. On or about October 21, 2015, Officer George Stacker, provided false and/or misleading testimony at the criminal trial of Police Officer Aldo Brown (U.S. Dist. Ct. No. 14 CR 674), regarding Officer Stacker's return to the Omar and Salma Retail Store on September 28, 2012, by answering "No" in response to an attorney's question asking "was the purpose of you going back to the store to obtain the videotape?" or words to that effect. Officer Stacker thereby violated:
- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and
 - c. Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
6. On or about March 22, 2016, Officer George Stacker provided a false and/or misleading statement to the Independent Police Review Authority regarding his return to the Omar and Salma Retail Store on September 28, 2012, by answering "No, I did not" in response to an investigator's question asking "and, at no point, while you were there, on the 28th, did you ask anyone for any video?" or words to that effect. Officer Stacker thereby violated:
- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and
 - c. Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer George Stacker, Star Number 11034, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



CHARLIE BECK
Interim Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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